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VANITY FAIR

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The main difference between civilized man and the savage is—savages don't read.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE SOLID SOUTH.

The popular idea that the President can do everything and Congress anything, gets a bump when the question is asked: "How can this be done?"

There have been numerous methods suggested for the purification of the ballot in the South, though most of the so-called remedies are more punitive than curative, and regressive politics do not include methods of punishment in their expression or activity. One will vaguely tell you that Congress can correct the evils, another will say that courts should give remedy and relief. None seem able to definitely form a plan of remedial action that is not anarchistic in nature and tendency, nor to appreciate the limitations which the Constitution of the United States sets upon the general government, particularly in its relation to the States.

"In these days there is a disposition to look too much to the Federal government for everything. I am liberal in the construction of the Constitution with reference to Federal power, but I am firmly convinced that the only safe course for us to pursue is to hold fast to the limitations of the Constitution and to guard as sacred the powers of the States."

When the President spoke these words, he was not discussing politics in the South, he was talking Conservatism in Wisconsin, but they fit the case so well that I give them here. Each State is absolute in all that concerns itself, and some claim that the State is supreme and the general government has only such powers as the State may delegate to it. However, the will of the people is the law, and all reforms must begin in the spirit of the citizens and finally be expressed in the laws of the State.

In each national election in the past few years the most progressive States have been found solidly arrayed against those who hold to a suppression of the fundamental law of the land. These few States have been called Democrats. When these Democrats cease their evil practices and present to us some ideas containing means and efforts toward good government, then we may consider and endorse them and act with them.

What shall we do to be saved? To show what interest our campaign of education is arousing we publish the following letter from a correspondent who writes under the good fighting name of "Crusader":

Mr. Willis:

In last week's issue, your article, "The Colored Voter and the Democratic Party," does with this paragraph:

"We suggest that the ranks of the ranks are helped turn the scales out, and replace them with good Republicans, who will march along in the Army of Progress. First of all, we must organize our forces."

How can you work within the ranks and turn the scales out when the ranks are commanded by rascals? To work within the ranks, you must obey orders and orders are given by commanders, and the commanders, I say, are rascals, in that they have proven false in every pledge they have made for the last twenty years. The good Republicans have been silenced or crushed just because we have followed similar suggestions as yours for the last twenty years. You say that "First of all, we must organize our forces." Do you call a horde of automatons, forces? Of what effect would organizing automatons have? Take the present situation for example. Mr. Taft is looked upon as the leader of one faction of the Republican party—our modern Cagliostro is attempting to usurp the leadership of the other. Suppose our modern Cagliostro succeeds in being proclaimed the leader of the insurgents; what ranks would you advise us to work in? Mr. Taft favors disfranchisement, and says that he will not appoint colored men to office in communities where there is objection to our modern Cagliostro using his pen to publish to the world an infamous lie regarding the colored soldier in Cuba; he used his pen to disgrace nearly 200 colored soldiers, and to show the workings of his ungrateful and cowardly heart he waited until after the election to promulgate his infamous order. Shall we work in the ranks for either of these men? Every Republican National Convention for the last 20 years, stands as a monument of perfidy to the colored voter. Yet, in the face of these monstrous wrongs, we are advised to "work in the ranks." Jews do not serve in the ranks of any one party—Irishmen do not—Germans do not—Italians do not; no other people but us do. It is time to stop that "growing element" you speak of, intends to stop it if there is an ounce of reason in the brain of the present and coming colored man. To be the slave of one party and the foe of another is ignorant and fatal politics. It is as much our duty to defeat enemies in the Democratic party as it is in the Republican party and that we intend to try to do.

CRUSADER.

Here is food for thought. I will comment later.

Would Vote for the Devil.

In my first reading of the report of the National Political League, held recently at Atlantic City, N. J., the statement: "As to myself, I would vote for the devil if I thought it would help my race." This report has been reprinted by a syndicate and published in a number of journals, and I feel compelled to call attention to this matter. We find this statement in what purports to be the annual address of President A. Walters. Now, one learned in Divine law, as Bishop Walters is, knows, and must have forgotten, that no good thing can come from the evil one, and while he may not have meant, literally speaking, what he said, the effects of such speech as this upon those who may look to him for guidance, may cause men to versed in the philosophy of politics and who take religion as a matter of faith alone, to err in judgment and action. If Bishop Walters means to typify the Democratic party as "the devil," I agree with him, but must stop to think on the vote.

Abraham Lincoln and Sydney Mudd.

The Independent Political League held a meeting Tuesday night at True Reformers' Hall, of this city. It is supposed

IN SOCIETY'S REALM.

(By Miss Mary Curtis.)

Rev. Dr. C. H. Stepien, presiding elder of the Potomac District of the Baltimore Conference, preached at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on Sunday morning and evening. On Monday evening he held Quarterly Conference at the above named church.

Rev. W. S. Drummond, of the Philadelphia Conference, was a visitor at the Quarterly Conference Monday night.

Miss Mollie Goins, of 1444 Q street, N. W., and Mrs. Anna Hopkins, of 12th street, N. W., returned to the city Monday, after a two-weeks' stay along the shores of the famous Potomac. Miss Goins is somewhat indisposed at present, but we wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst, wife of the financial secretary, Rev. Dr. John Hurst, has returned to the city after a six-weeks' visit in Baltimore and Petersburg, Md.

Mrs. Fannie Robinson, of 1919 8th street, N. W., returned to the city Wednesday, after spending a month with her mother and other relatives in Richmond and vicinity.

Chaplain Oscar J. W. Scott, former pastor of the Met. A. M. E. Church, this city, arrived from Columbus, Ohio, Monday morning at 11:05. Chaplain Scott is the picture of health. He was conveyed to the financial department in a taxicab. He is en route to the B. M. C., which will convene in Baltimore, Md., next week. Chaplain Scott got his leave in June for four months. After burying his father in Ohio, he left for Washington and Baltimore.

Chaplain Scott will preach at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, M street, N. W., on Sunday morning, September 11th at 11 o'clock.

He will deliver his famous lecture on the Philippines on Monday evening at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, September 12th. He has one hundred and fifty slides which were made in the Philippines. After attending the B. M. C., he will return to Columbus, Ohio, where Mrs. Scott and the children are and prepare to reach Spokane, Washington, on the first of October.

Mr. T. E. Barton, of 1306 G street, N. E., will leave next week for the Appalachian Exposition, which convenes in Knoxville, Tenn. He has 2 patents which he wishes to exhibit—an improved window screen and a fuel box.

Mrs. Mary E. Griffin, of 1306 G street, N. E., has returned to the city, after spending several weeks in a summer school in New York city.

LEESBURG, VA.

BIG RALLY.

The stewards of Mt. Zion Church, Leesburg, Va., held a fifty-cent joint rally Sunday, September 4th, for the purpose of raising \$50.00 to defray the expenses of the delegates to the Epworth League District Convention, held September 7th, 1910. The assistance of that inestimable old horse in "The Master's Cause," L. C. Moore, was a guarantee of the success of the rally as more than the amount asked for was raised. Rev. Moore gave quite a unique entertainment. Poems and hymns, written by himself, and papers on questions of the hour being read and sung by ladies, selected from the audience. Rev. Moore preached at both morning and afternoon services. His subject in the afternoon was the "Cucumber." He liked this palatable but dangerous vegetable to life's follies. His remarks were plain pointed. The audience showed their appreciation by repeated applause. Rev. Murray, the energetic pastor, is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Eunice Terrell, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Dorchester, to Mr. Joseph Howard Holmes, of Manchester, New Hampshire, on Wednesday, September 14th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester. Miss Eunice Terrell Dorchester is an only daughter, and a charming young lady and hatteringly popular among her set. Mr. Holmes enjoys a lucrative position in his home town and is well thought of. They will be at home to their friends after December 1st, at 96 Webster street, Manchester, N. H.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Wanted: Experienced Cooks, Waitresses, Landladies. Must be first-class. Wages \$20 to \$30 per month. Agency, 1325 G street, N. W.

Prof. J. C. Logan, who is visiting friends in Culpeper, Va., was in town for a short stay this week. Prof. Logan returned Wednesday to Culpeper, where he will spend the rest of his vacation.

Visit the Maceo Theatre for clean, up-to-date performances. Mr. Geo. Richardson, who has had charge of this theatre since July 13th, has vastly improved the program, and now offers the public a nice, clean bill. Go and patronize him. His theatre is not in the trust, therefore he has an entire change of pictures every night.

Mrs. A. L. Duffin, who has been visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lucas, returned to Baltimore last Wednesday. Mrs. Duffin has been spending the last two weeks here.

Measles, C. H. and P. P. Stewart, of Ocala, Fla., stopped off en route to the B. M. C., at Baltimore. They report the conditions of the colored people in Florida as prosperous and improving. Mr. P. P. Stewart is in the postoffice department in that city.

Mr. Arthur Lucas, who has been spending some time in Fredericksburg, Richmond and other Virginia points of interest, returned to us looking as brown as a

WASHINGTON GIRL WINS HONOR.

MISS ALICE PORTER MURRAY, CLASS OF 1910, HOWARD UNIVERSITY, APPOINTED TEACHER IN SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL, CAIRO, ILL.



MISS ALICE PORTER MURRAY

Although the schools, colleges and universities are pouring forth a stream of graduates every year and the problem of what shall be done with this ever increasing yearly output grows more difficult, it is each day more evident that ability and merit will make places for themselves. The recent appointment of Miss Alice Porter Murray, one of our most intelligent, progressive and ambitious young ladies to the position of teacher in Sumner High School, at Cairo, Ill., is a proper acknowledgment of her ability and special fitness for that position, for which she has spent a lifetime in preparing.

Miss Murray is the youngest daughter of Hon. P. H. Murray, editor of the St. Louis Advance, and the niece of Mr. E. Murray, the caterer, of 1216 U street, N. W., Washington, D. C., with whom she resided during her attendance in school and college. She graduated with high honors from the Howard University, May 25th, 1910, and upon the strength of her thorough preparation in the Teachers' College, of that university and the excellent recommendations she received this most excellent appointment.

Sumner High School was established by the State of Illinois in the city of Cairo for colored students. The curriculum is about the usual for a standard high school. Most, if not all, the other high schools, we believe, in the State are mixed. The salaries paid to teachers in Illinois are about the same as to actual amount of money as in Washington, but the cost of living, we are told, is very much less, so that the purchasing value is considerably enhanced.

The city of Cairo is a live, growing town, thriving and progressive, with a population of about 13,000, of whom about 6,500 are colored people.

Miss Murray is generously gifted with the quality of mind and temperament which forms good teachers and leaders of others less blessed, added to these are special fitness and broad training, kindness of heart and a general disposition, which assures her success in the field of her choice. Besides these, Miss Murray has a special bent for the study of sociology and political economy, which together with a keen interest and aptitude for literature and journalism, would of themselves make her a strong force in the educational world.

Cairo is to be congratulated. Washington loses one more bright mind and noble soul. Cairo gains, we lose.

Miss Murray left Washington last Thursday, and from late advices we learn that she was very much pleased with her new city and the people, and that she looks forward to a pleasant and successful life in her new home.

Literary Tastes.

"It's a funny thing," mused an old subway guard, "to notice the difference between the tastes of men and women who read on the trains. For a whole week I kept a pretty close tab on the people in my car and this is what I discovered. Women stick to books—popular novels as a rule—while the men cling to newspapers. When I struck an average at the end of a week I found that there were seventeen newspaper readers among the men to one woman. As book readers the women outclassed the men six to one. Among the men three out of four seem to give about all their attention to the sporting pages."—New York Sun.

Powerful British Windmill.

What is claimed as the largest and most powerful windmill in Great Britain has just been completed at Willesden, where its capacity is being tried under varying conditions. It is intended for a farm near Bristol, its supply power to run crushing machinery and work the pumps. From the trials made it is said this new wind machine is capable of generating sufficient electricity for 300 lights, to crush oats and grind maize, work an electric lift, cook the food and heat a room at a cost of 1/4d a unit.

Clever Evasion of Law.

A saloon keeper in East New York has a novel way of evading the Sunday excise law and giving his neighbors and friends a wet Sunday if they care to have one. On an iron gate leading into the yard in the rear of his place he has put a lock. He has had 250 keys made to give out to those he knows. Nobody gets in who can't open the lock. A man sits close to the gate and closes it after each one comes in.

PICK UP LUNCHEON

SHOWING USE THAT MAY BE MADE OF LEFT-OVERS.

Canned Salmon Salad—Many Methods That May Be Employed to Utilize Tongue.

Canned Salmon Salad.—From canned salmon or a boiled left-over of the fresh fish a delicious salad is available for a warm day's luncheon.

Flake a pound of it into small pieces with a silver fork. Mix carefully into this a tablespoonful each of capers, olives and gherkin pickles chopped fine. Arrange the mixture on white lettuce leaves, garnish with these yolks of hard-boiled eggs and cover with mayonnaise. Decorate with little touches of aspic jelly if this is at hand.

This is a foreign recipe "choicely good."

On a day when a rather substantial course is wanted to accompany the roast try the following original recipe of peppers with pasta: One quart of tomatoes, three peppers sliced fine. Let them simmer together two hours. Boil tender in salted water a package of spaghetti and brown well three good-sized onions in a little rendered beef suet. When the spaghetti is tender drain it, add tomatoes and onions. Let boil two minutes. Serve with grated cheese.

Tongue as a Left-Over.—To many housewives cold boiled tongue does not present itself as a left-over susceptible of metamorphosis. If no longer slightly for slicing it must be discarded.

Yet to the initiated a cold boiled and which would not be appetizing sliced is most piquant when creamed.

Cut the meat into small bits, remove all skin and gristle and heat up in a cream sauce. Serve on rounds of toast or fried bread or in individual dishes with bread and butter sandwiches.

In suburban places where fresh bonbons are not always obtainable on short notice a good recipe for a homemade sweet is often treasure trove to the house mother.

Peppermint is an excellent digestive in addition to its tastiness and in some form is universally liked.

Peppermint drops with fruit are something of a novelty and are not difficult to accomplish in the home kitchen.

In a quart cup of lukewarm water soak one ounce of gum tragacanth until it becomes tender. Wring dry in a straining cloth and knead with the hand, adding five drops of oil of pepper. Continue to work it until white and elastic. Work in little by little 1/2 cups of confectioners' sugar and one-half cupful each of dates, raisins and candied peels (orange and lemon equal quantity), mixed and chopped fine.

Roll it on a marble slab, pastry board or strip of canvas, using the sugar in lieu of flour. Roll to the thickness of half dollar, stamp out and place on waxed paper in a warm room until dry.

For the Housewife.

A suspected sample of ground coffee may be tested in this way: Place a teaspoon of the coffee in a wineglass containing water. If a part floats and a part sinks it is adulterated.

If soot falls upon the carpet or rug do not attempt to sweep until it has been covered thickly with dry salt. It can then be swept up properly, and not a stain or smear will be left.

When boiling milk put two tablespoonfuls of water in the pan first, and let it boil. Milk boiled in this way will never burn the bottom of the saucepan.

If salt is sprinkled over the range before frying is commenced there will be no disagreeable odor if the fat splatters over.

Baking Powder Biscuit.

Sift two cupfuls flour into a basin, add half a teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder; then sift it again; then rub one tablespoonful of butter and one tablespoonful of lard finely into it with the tips of the fingers. Add gradually enough sweet milk to make a soft dough. Knead a little on a floured board; do not handle much; roll out half an inch in thickness, cut into rounds with small cutter. Lay on a greased baking tin, and bake till ready in a hot oven, usually about 20 minutes.

HERE THE IDEA. LUNCHEON

Diet of Italian Laborers Has Given a Valuable Idea to One Housekeeper.

"Watch the luncheons of Italian laborers if you want pointers on ideas for hot weather meals," said a domestic science teacher whose windows overlook a street where many Italians have recently been employed. "Every day at noon I settle myself at a window and watch each man as he opens his lunch package."

"Nine out of ten of these luncheons are made up of some fresh green thing like lettuce or radishes or perhaps tomatoes, with brown bread and cheese. What could be better than this viewed from a scientific standpoint? The brown bread and cheese give nourishment and the fresh, green vegetables provide the refreshment."

"The tomato is bitten into as you would eat an apple or a pear. In the other hand the luncher holds his slice of brown bread spread with cheese, but alternates bites from each hand. The melon he cuts in crescent shaped pieces with his pocket knife and gnaws the pulp of each piece close down to the rind. Of course, it isn't cold, but what does he care?"

"The lettuce is not separated into leaves and eaten little by little, not at all. The young Italian workman bites into the head of lettuce just as he did into the raw tomato and munches the leaves slowly, as he takes occasional mouthfuls of the brown bread in his other hand."

"Once in a great while the care of some mother, sister or wife is evidenced by a little bowl or cup of cold macaroni or spaghetti, but this is a great exception. The rule is 'fruit, fresh green vegetables and brown bread and cheese.'"



Small papier-mache tubs are the best "dishpans," if you have fine china to be kept without a chip.

If a turkey or chicken is rubbed inside and out with lemon it will make the meat white, juicy and tender.

A strip of emery cloth tacked to a small square board will be found useful for quickly sharpening the carving knife.

Be sure to iron garments with the straight of the goods and thus prevent stretching of the bias seams.

Al woodwork and furniture to be treated to a coat of white enamel should be sandpapered first, that a streaked effect may be prevented.

If you have spashed ink on a mahogany desk try this: Dilute half a teaspoonful of oil of vitriol with a tablespoonful or more of water and apply with a feather or soft brush. Then wipe the spot with a damp cloth after the stain has been taken out.

Patches to Which Boys Won't Object.

To mend the knees of little boys' trousers so they will look as well and wear as well when new, rip the seams as far up as worn, cut away the worn part, take a piece of cloth like the garment, sew straight across the front, carefully matching goods; press the seam well, then shape by the piece cut off, sew up the seams and hem across the front.

If the pressing is well done one could not tell they had been mended.

Chicken Galleasch.

Cut into dice two medium-sized raw potatoes. Put into a frying pan two tablespoonfuls olive oil, and when hot add the potato dice. Stir to keep from burning and cook five minutes. Then add a dash of paprika, a cupful of boiling water, a crushed clove of garlic, a cup of cold chicken chopped fine, or a can of boned chicken, and salt to taste. Cover and cook until the potatoes are done, stirring frequently.

Peas With Eggs.

Peas are delicious when served as a filling for an omelet, but they are also palatable when they are combined with scrambled eggs. To cook them in this way, reheat the peas, seasoning to taste, and adding a tablespoonful of minced parsley in addition to the butter, pepper, and salt. When thoroughly hot pour all the liquor from the peas, and over the latter pour two well beaten eggs, stirring continuously until they are properly scrambled. Serve on toast as quickly as possible.

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